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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ENRG, IS, EG
SUBJECT: ISRAELI OIL EXPLORATION IN GULF OF SUEZ

REF: STATE 32309

1. DORRIS, ASSISTANT MANAGER OF NEPTUNE OIL COMPANY, HAS INFORMED US THAT HE IS RETURNING TO U.S. IN ABOUT A MONTH FOR CONSULTATIONS ABOUT A "MAJOR EXPANSION PROGRAM." OUR UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THE EXPANSION INVOLVES ADDITIONAL OFF-SHORE DRILLINGS AND PROBABLE ONSHORE DRILLINGS AS WELL.

2. REGARDING PRESENT NEPTUNE DRILLING RIG IN GULF OF SUEZ, DORRIS STATED IT HAD REACHED 7,932 FEET AS OF MORNING OF FEBRUARY 14. ONLY MINOR HYDROCARBON SHOWS SO FAR, AND NO SUGGESTION OF COMMERCIAL STRIKE. AREA OF ISRAELI DRILLING TURNING OUT TO BE GEOLOGICALLY UNLIKE EGYPTIAN MORGAN FIELD, BUT SUFFICIENTLY SIMILAR TO MAINTAIN OPTIMISM FOR EVENTUAL STRIKE.

3. WHEN ASKED ABOUT REPORTS OF A SECOND ISRAELI RIG IN GULF OF SUEZ, DORRIS EMPHASIZED THAT NEPTUNE HAD ONLY
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ONE OFFSHORE RIG. HOWEVER, HE DID NOT DEMUR WHEN EMBOFF SUGGESTED THAT ISRAEL NATIONAL OIL COMPANY MIGHT BE UTILIZING A LAND DRILL ON A BARGE LOCATED OFFSHORE NEAR A TUG.
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